

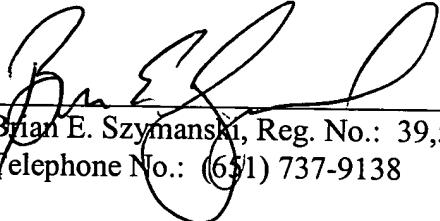
REMARKS

Examination and consideration of the application as amended is requested and allowance of claims 1-18, at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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